



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Wateree Elementary
Kershaw County
Grades: PK-5
Principal: Gail Stehle
Superintendent: Dr. Frank E. Morgan
Board Chair: Joseph Dorton, Jr.

Enrollment: 660

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

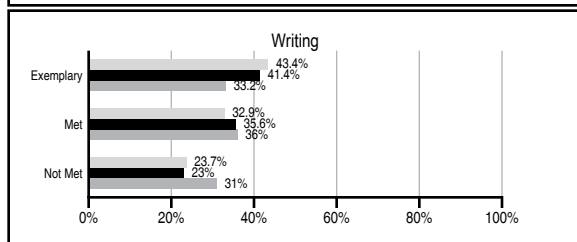
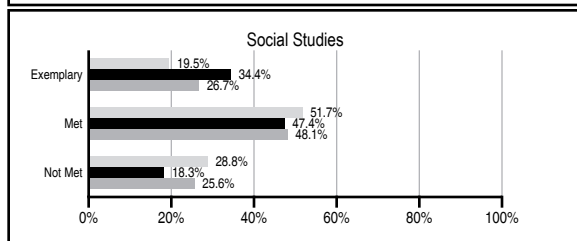
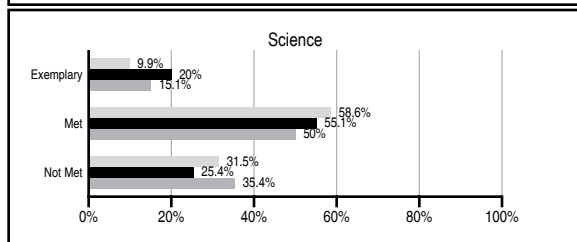
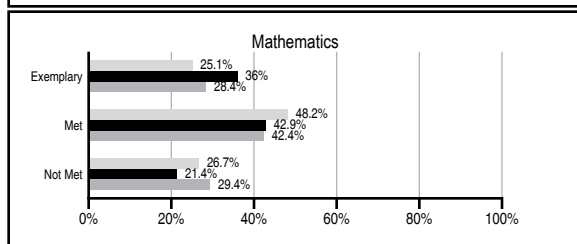
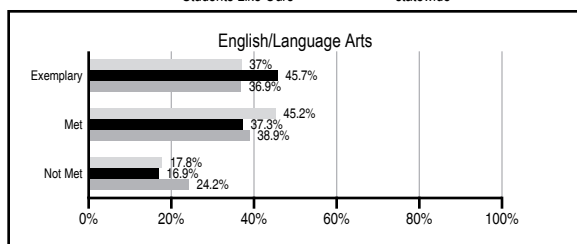
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
19	36	34	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School
 Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours
 Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 4 (2007)			
South Carolina	41	33	20
Nation	34	34	24
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)			
South Carolina	20	44	31
Nation	19	43	33
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)			
South Carolina	36	39	23
Nation	34	39	25
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced			
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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Wateree Elementary [Kershaw County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=660)				
Retention rate	1.6%	Down from 2.5%	1.6%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.3%	96.4%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	15.8%	Down from 17.9%	15.4%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	4.5%	Down from 5.3%	7.2%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	No Change	0.3%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	73.7%	Down from 77.8%	62.9%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	94.7%	Up from 91.7%	84.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.7%	Up from 94.5%	88.6%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 94.8%	95.1%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,220	Up 5.1%	\$48,444	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.3%	Down from 2.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	7.5 days	Down from 16.7 days	11.4 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	7.0	Up from 6.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	20.2 to 1	Down from 22.9 to 1	19.3 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 87.9%	90.4%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,524	Up 2.6%	\$7,060	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	71.2%	Up from 69.9%	68.9%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	69.6%	Up from 68.1%	60.6%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	Up from 82.4%	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	40	87	45
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.5%	87.4%	86.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	77.5%	85.1%	88.6%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	92.5%	93.1%	80.0%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Wateree Elementary stakeholders have made every effort to foster a safe and nurturing school climate that encourages excellence for every child. We expect continuous student improvement as we focus on specific instructional goals. Our motto is "Children First ... A Cardinal Investment." Our School Renewal Plan's goals emphasize student achievement, good character, and increased parent/community involvement. A dedicated, talented, highly qualified instructional staff is vital to our school's progress. We have nine teachers with National Board Certification, and over \$8600 in teacher grants were funded. The implementation of instructional initiatives enhanced teaching and learning. MAP results were fundamental in guiding differentiated instruction and in identifying instructional focus groups in grades 2-5. Teachers in grades K-2 used DIBELS results. Each grade level determined their ELA or math academic need and planned hands-on enrichment and remediation instruction. During our focus group block, all of our staff taught specified skills to a small group of students. Five weeks before PASS testing, we offered an "early risers" computer-based program to our 3-5 grade students who were basic or below in Math/ELA on the most recent MAP. Our curriculum coach continues to serve our students and teachers with resources, programs, and endless support. This year we have also been able to capture the world of technology. Every certified teacher received a SMART Board, projector, and laptop! Our school also received 11 laptop carts (160 laptops) that commute for classroom use. Educational opportunities outside the traditional classroom include standards-based field studies, Math-Science Nights, Kindergarten Parent Workshop, Discipline/Parenting Workshop, Book-It, Accelerated Reading goal celebrations, Awards Days, service learning projects, school talent show, and district chorus experiences. Our PTO, SIC, family volunteers, and community business friends impart endless support. The PTO fundraising efforts purchase d a new secure main entrance to our school. The PTO also funded necessary materials for our PBIS goals. They have also purchased classroom libraries and other instructional materials such as Accelerated Math scanners and printers. Student success is promoted by our SIC. SIC members define areas of concern and come up with solutions to make our school a better place! Ms. Gail Wages will be our new principal for 2009-10. Our school anticipates "Catching the Wateree Wave" as we jump on the board and sail to new heights. Wateree is proud to have a dedicated team of stakeholders who all work together to educate and sustain quality educational experiences for every child. Kristin Barrett, SIC Chair; Lindsay Christofaro, Interim Principal

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